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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1) Field of the invention**

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when the user makes different exercises on the ground, and the longitudinal structure is not adjustable at different positions.

To overcome the above-mentioned problem, in accordance with the teachings of the invention, there is disclosed hand and foot exerciser, which is relatively simple and economical to manufacture.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, the mechanical apparatus comprises a ~~base structure~~ frame covered with a motionless cushion for supporting the user's body while its wrist or ankle is engaged to a belt attached to a steel cable passing around a small pulley being engaged ~~into~~ therein an adjustable rotary part turning freely in all directions and being connected at a curved end of a vertical bar mounted of each side of one small pulley and blocked thereby a metal pin through a hole formed thereon a part member fixed to the ~~base structure~~ frame of the apparatus for adjusting the vertical bar according to the desired position.

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frame of the apparatus.

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moved along the perforated body member being welded to the base  
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metal pin for adjusting the tension of the spring.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

The foregoing and other objects, advantages and characterizing features of  
the present invention will become clearly apparent from the ensuing  
detailed description of illustrative embodiments thereof, taken together with  
the accompanying drawings wherein like reference numerals denote like  
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direction.

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position.

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Figure 7 is a profile view of the main large pulley fixed at a diagonal bar connected to the base structure from the mechanical apparatus.

Figure 8 is a profile view of the main large pulley allowing to the steel wire to turn two times around of the pulley by giving an effect of pulley's arc.

Figures 9a, b, c and d, are the side elevational views illustrating the operation of the present invention by a user .

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Referring more specifically to figs. 1 to 3, the present invention is a mechanical apparatus ~~having comprising~~ comprising a ~~base structure~~ frame (10) covered with a motionless cushion (16) for supporting the user's body while its wrist or ankle is engaged to a belt (17) attached to a steel cable (5)

passing around a small pulley (13) being engaged ~~into~~ therein an adjustable rotary part (12) turning freely in all directions and being connected at a curved end of a vertical bar (11) mounted of each side of one small pulley (2) and blocked thereby a metal pin (14) through a hole formed thereon a part member (19) fixed to the ~~base-structure~~ frame (10) of the apparatus for adjusting the vertical bar (11) according to the desired position.

As illustrated to figs. 4 to 8, the steel cable (5) extends inside the vertical bar (11) so as to be able to turn around two small pulleys (2) being mounted at the ~~base-structure~~ frame (10) of the apparatus and of a main large pulley (4) being fixed at a diagonal bar (18), and to be finally attached to ~~a first one~~ end of ~~an arm-member~~ a bar (1) being connected to a spiral spring (6) and ~~which the second end is~~ fixed at the ~~base-structure~~ frame (10) of the apparatus.

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